

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE



A LETTER FROM BERLIN.

Christmas Day in the Capital of Germany.

Missionaries Enjoy the Good Things of the Earth and Beautiful Music.

Elder D. H. Y. McAllister favors the "News" with this report, dated Berlin, Jan. 2:

There are quite a number here from the dear old Bee Hive State, and they had a desire to gather together to enjoy Christmas cheer in good home style. It was suggested that a dinner be given to the missionaries, and that all the students be present. So a committee composed of Brothers Squire, John Browning, Sisters Lucy Gates, Emma Ramsey, Clara Cluff and Agnes Dahlquist, all students, took the matter in hand.

Three o'clock p. m. on Christmas day found the missionaries and students gathered at the mission headquarters, Frankfurterallee 136, to enjoy the festivities of the season. The "office" was decorated beautifully with evergreen, and a large branch of mistletoe occupied a prominent place. In the center of the dining table was a small tree, decorated and lighted up, a larger one was in the bay window, just at the head of the table, also all lighted up. During the dinner all the lights were extinguished except the candles on the trees, and a more beautiful scene is rarely shown.

At four o'clock dinner was announced, and Toastmaster Coop welcomed the guests as follows: At the head of the table, Elder Schulthess. On his right, Sister Lucy B. Young; on his left, Sister Sarah E. Cluff; then Brother R. T. Haag, editor of the Stern, and Superintendent of Sunday school, Elders T. C. Winn and George J. Cannon of the office; J. Lloyd Woodruff, president of Berlin conference; E. H. Christensen, Jos. Folkman, who labors here in Berlin; W. A. Wallace, E. W. Ruse, and Superintendent of Sunday school, Elders T. C. Winn and George J. Cannon of the office; J. Lloyd Woodruff, president of Berlin conference; E. H. Christensen, Jos. Folkman, who labors here in Berlin; W. A. Wallace, E. W. Ruse, and Superintendent of Sunday school, Elders T. C. Winn and George J. Cannon of the office.

After the concert was over, we all returned to "136."

When the time came for us to separate, we all gathered in the office, and Brother Schulthess, of the office, extended a vote of thanks was extended to the committee. We all then knelt down in prayer, Sister Lucy B. Young being mouth, and thanked the Giver of all good gifts for His many blessings to us.

The following Friday, the 28th, from 5 to 8 p. m. an entertainment was given by the Berlin Sunday school, showing what progress they had made and also to induce strangers to come, that they might be given the Gospel. Brother Haag says that the Sunday school is an auxiliary to our missionary work, and it is a great one, too. There are about one hundred and twenty in the school, and nearly all are children of strangers. At the entertainment many parents of the children were present and they took great delight in seeing their children take part in the different exercises, singing, reciting, etc. There were twenty-five on the program, two of which were addresses by Brothers Haag and Schulthess.

The children take great interest and they delight in attending and learning the songs of Zion, some of which have been translated into German. Others they sing in English.

We expect to have another good time shortly at the conference of the Elders of the whole German mission, to be held in Leipzig, from the 4th to the 7th inst. They are going to have three days of fasting and prayer, and we expect to have another feast this time of the Spirit and things of God. I expect to return to my field of labor, which is in the Nottingham conference, England, shortly after returning from Leipzig.

THEIR WORK APPRECIATED.

Elders Who Have Left the Field Are Kindly Remembered.

Mr. H. P. Dotson, of Sturges, Miss., writes under date of January 26, this day: Perhaps the Elders who labored in the Mississippi conference would like to hear from their old field of labor in the Sturges branch. We sadly miss them from our midst. Many of them were with us so much, and endeavored themselves to us to such an extent that they seemed to be of us. Well do we remember the many pleasant scenes we enjoyed in meetings, in Sunday schools, and in social converse at our humble homes. These past scenes have stamped themselves on the tablet of memory, as to seem as angels' visits. How intensely we have, times without number, wished for such visits again, my pen fails to tell, many of the dear Elders who have been with us in this life. But the pleasant and brief enjoyments here, are but forerunners of the joys that shall last forever in "the sweet by and by," if we hold out faithful to the end.

Some sad changes have taken place

among us since our organization. One dear sister has crossed over to the other shore, another proved false to her vows, and left, while others are scattering like sheep without a shepherd. One of our best male members is in far off Idaho. One family of five members will soon be off for Idaho, including the president of the branch. In all, we will have twelve members less when the last two families set away. While prejudice, and opposition have, to a great extent, melted away, yet we feel we are in an enemy's country, and we would love to go West, where we could reap the full benefits of meetings and Sunday school.

Our recent trip to fair Utah and mingling with the good people there; the kindness and courtesy shown us everywhere, created an intense desire for a repetition of such joys. We have had an intense desire to keep up correspondence with all the Elders who have ever been with us, but this is impossible, so I take this method to send greetings to all the Elders who have ever been with us in our humble home in Mississippi.

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EASTERN STATES MISSION

Conferences and Addresses of Conference Presidents.

Report of the Work During the Past Year—New Fields Opened Up to the Elders.

Elder John E. Baird sends us the following report, dated Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 28:

This mission includes the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and West Virginia, with a few northern counties of old Virginia and that portion of Canada which borders on to our mission. The headquarters of the mission is 50, Concord street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Elder Edward H. Snow is president with Elders George F. Whitehead and John E. Baird as first and second counselors, respectively.

The mission is divided into eight conferences as follows: Brooklyn conference, comprising Long Island and Greater New York, and New Jersey, with William J. Snow as president, and Chas. E. Fletcher, Jr., and Sam. Neff as counselors. Headquarters is at 210 Steuben street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Marland conference, which includes the States of Maryland and Delaware, and a few counties of Virginia and West Virginia. Headquarters are at 617 N. Howard street, Baltimore, Md., with Elder Edwin M. Orme as president and Jas. J. Shumway and E. N. Scofield as counselors.

New England conference, which includes all the New England States, Headquarters at 6 James street, Boston, Mass., with Elder Daniel Rasmussen as president and Martin L. McAllister and John E. Baird as counselors.

East Pennsylvania conference, which includes the eastern portion of the State with headquarters at 333 North Second street, Harrisburg, Pa., Elder Hans P. Ipsen, president, with Lewis S. Wright and Elam H. Anderson as counselors.

West Pennsylvania conference, which includes the western portion of the State with headquarters at West Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pa., Elder Jno. G. McQuarrie is president, with Sidney A. Hanks and F. L. Cruikshank as counselors.

North West Virginia conference, which includes the northern portion of the State, with headquarters at Grafton, W. Va., Box 428. Elder William A. Clayton is president, with Albert E. Miller and John A. Johansen as counselors.

South West Virginia conference, which comprises the southern part of that State, with headquarters at 214 Capitol street, Charleston, W. Va., Elder George Hendie is president, with Chas. H. Ballard and Warren C. Child, Jr. as counselors.

During 1900 considerable work has been done, and literature distributed. Elders are laboring in the following cities: Portland, Me.; Manchester, N. H.; Boston, Mass.; Providence, R. I.; New York, N. Y.; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Newark, N. J.; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Reading, Lebanon and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Baltimore and Cumberland, Md.; Wilmington, Del.; Troy, Schenectady and Hudson, N. Y.

Regular services are held in quite a number of these cities, and a systematic canvass is made in the search for the honest heart.

The Brooklyn conference has opened a lecture hall in New York city, and gives regular lectures at the Hawthorne building, 125th street, twice each month. Presidents E. H. and W. J. Snow have already given lectures and more will follow. President Snow goes to New England conference this week, and Counselor Baird, to hold meetings in Troy and other cities on the Hudson.

The Elders at Boston have been favored with a visit by Brother Jos. W. deVries of Salt Lake City, and they appreciate very much the encouragement received.

At Harrisburg, Pa., the ministers are considerably stirred up over the advent of the Elders. A whole week is to be devoted by the ministers to counteract the work of the Elders.

The work generally in the mission is moving forward, new openings are being made and much literature distributed.

The "News" is an important factor in the spread of truth.

LAD TO REST.

Sister Mahala Edwards, of Lane End, Pudsey, England.

Elder T. H. Maxwell sends the following communication, dated Bradford, Yorkshire, England, Jan. 18:

Many of the Saints and Elders who have lived and labored in the Leeds conference, and especially those of the Pudsey district, will be somewhat pained to learn that the silent messenger of death has visited the home of Brother

Edwards, and has called that last long rest Sister Mahala, the beloved wife of Thomas Edwards, of Lane End, Pudsey. She died January 15th, and was 62 years of age. She was a devoted wife and mother, and one of our best male members is in far off Idaho. One family of five members will soon be off for Idaho, including the president of the branch. In all, we will have twelve members less when the last two families set away. While prejudice, and opposition have, to a great extent, melted away, yet we feel we are in an enemy's country, and we would love to go West, where we could reap the full benefits of meetings and Sunday school.

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VALUE OF A MISSION.

Kindness, Politeness and Charity Are Among the Lessons Taught.

Elder Ernest P. Brown writes to Prof. Louis F. Moeck of Oden, from Auckland, New Zealand, Oct. 23, 1900, as follows:

I had the pleasure of crossing the mighty Pacific, and while doing so, when facing the reality of a living object, but sea-sick, everywhere the briny, foamy deep with its limitless expanse. Now floating quietly along under a clear blue sky, then under a furious wind tossing upon its waves, and wondering if we would ever see land again! However we did, and finally arrived at our place of destination, Auckland. Here I was appointed a traveling missionary to distribute tracts and to use my influence in allaying prejudice against our people, and if possible bring souls unto Christ. The lessons one learns under these circumstances are exceedingly valuable, because nothing but kindness, politeness and charity will enable one to reach the souls of men; hence the value of these missions to our young people.

Here again the training I received at the academy came to my assistance, for these principles had been warning me, and now it had to a certain extent qualified me for the very mission to which I had been called. Since then I have had the experience of street and hall preaching. I have found this frequently a trying one to my soul, but Oh, if every young man could realize those feelings before he is called on a mission, how much sorrow and distress he could save himself! But men gifted with eloquence have been warning the young to make the best of their opportunities, yet they put it off till they have to learn it through bitter experience. For the first six months as I have found them, they are neither ornamental nor useful, and when called upon to use the mission they are looking for their release to come home.

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ders are not in this country, they having finished tracting here last spring. We often think with pleasure of the times when we had the privilege of having the Elders meet with us regularly. It will be four years tomorrow since my husband and myself were baptized and three children blessed by G. W. Parrish and Walter P. Rich. We feel thankful that we have been made partakers of the Gospel and hope to live so as to be worthy of its blessings.

My mother says she has often heard my grandfather say that he had a sister who left New York State with the "Mormons," sixty years ago. She is not certain from what country or town she went, but thinks it was Onondaga county. Her maiden name was Melinda Eddy. Her husband's name was Young. Perhaps some of the older members here, or the Church might have known them and what became of them. Anyone knowing anything about them would confer a favor by sending me the information.

IN THE GERMAN MISSION.

Proceedings of General Conference Recently Held at Leipzig.

Encouraging Reports Given and Interesting Experiences Related by the Elders.

Elder J. Percy Goddard sends this report of a conference held at Leipzig. His communication is dated Berlin, Jan. 14:

In response to a call from President A. H. Schulthess, the Elders from all parts of the German mission assembled at Leipzig Jan. 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th in general conference. This is the second time such a conference has been held in Germany, and the previous one was also appointed at Leipzig, on account of its central location, in March, 1899.

Leipzig is the largest city in the kingdom of Saxony, and is recognized as one of the most important cities in Europe. It has a population of over four hundred thousand and is quite an educational center. The book trade flourishes here, over five hundred firms being engaged in that business. Since the year 1813, when the great Napoleon led his armies to battle in this vicinity, numerous conflicts and wars have devastated this part of Saxony, and the city has been surrounded by a wall of iron, and the city has been pointed out to visitors.

Our beloved president, Elder A. H. Schulthess, has long felt the necessity of a general conference of the Elders laboring in Germany, in order that they might be better acquainted with conditions existing in various parts of the mission, enabling also the Elders to become acquainted with each other and infusing a spirit of unity and enthusiasm amongst them.

Many had to make in order to attend, some travelling about five hundred miles, all readily responded to the call and only a few were unable to be present.

On January 3 most of the Elders had arrived and the social part of the feast commenced. We met our old schoolmates and childhood friends, and some of the brethren remarked and said, "It was almost like returning home." This pleasure, however, proved to be of minor importance, compared to the spiritual feast that followed.

The following program of meetings was issued: Friday, Jan. 4th, Priesthood meetings, to hear reports of Elders for November and December; Saturday, January 5th, meetings for general discussion; Sunday, January 6th, meetings with Saints of Leipzig and other meetings; Monday, January 7th, Priesthood meetings for instructions, and a grand free concert in the evening.

In Friday's meetings very good and encouraging reports were given of the work in various parts of the mission and of the progress made in the field. The meeting held Saturday afternoon was largely devoted to a discussion of this and kindred topics pertaining to our work and the proper manner of conducting the same.

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would not attend a religious service and in brief addresses give them a testimony and short explanation of the Gospel.

In this way, also, some of Utah's best talent was brought before the people. Brethren and sisters from our mountain valleys, who are now pursuing their studies in Berlin, rendered very valuable assistance. Among these may be mentioned Prof. S. Coop, of Ogden, whose talent has been recognized in Utah on numerous occasions. Sister Emma Ramsey and a young sister, Agnes Dahlquist, and Brothers Walter Bond and Morris Young of Salt Lake.

The entire program was very much appreciated by the audience and we believe a very good impression was made. At the close a request was sent up from the audience that an opportunity be given to see the missionaries so often referred to by the speakers.

Accordingly the Elders arose, about seventy-five in all, and facing the audience, they joined in singing a well known hymn before the benediction was pronounced.

The special meeting convened on Tuesday morning, promptly at 9:30 and it proved a fitting climax to this mortal sphere as we were permitted to partake of the Holy Spirit in such great abundance and very few were present.

Most of the brethren, moved by this Spirit, arose and humbly asked forgiveness for their sins, and many of them thought or word in any way fostered feelings contrary to the spirit of the Gospel. There was not a person present whose heart was not so touched that he was brought to tears and it was almost like returning home.

Some of the brethren testified that the interpretation of tongues was given to them when Sister Young spoke the day previous, but for fear, they had not given it.

Others declared that never before had they such a burning testimony of the Gospel in their hearts, and they felt that the whole world, they could go forth boldly and testify of its truth.

Elder Schulthess in an interesting manner, gave a few timely closing instructions and the meeting closed at 6 o'clock in the evening. The Elders having been in continuous session over eight hours.

It is doubtful if ever such a large body of men parted with such feelings of unity and love in their hearts as did the Elders assembled at this conference, and many expressed the belief and assurance that it marked a new era of grand success in the promulgation of the Gospel throughout the entire German empire.

Four Elders were honorably released to return home and they received innumerable messages to convey to loved ones in Zion. They were Elders T. C. Winn, of North, Elder Canon Walt of Huxley, Idaho, Elders E. D. Seegmiller of St. George and Walter Haster of Mount Pleasant. Those remaining have gone to their fields of labor with a firm determination to do all that God requires of them, and with a hope and prayer that in the future they may again enjoy such spiritual feasts, and ever retain a portion of the sweet influence which characterized this general conference.

Those who took part in the musical program, referred to above, were, besides those already mentioned, C. P. Ferrin, of Ogden; S. Jonasson, Salt Lake City; W. Bond, Morris Young, Emma L. Gates of Provo, Walter Wallace, of Clarendon, and J. P. Goddard, Salt Lake City, and Clara Cluff, Provo.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Several Changes Made in that Mission Field.

Elders Meeting With Some Opposition, But Also With Some Success.

From Elder John W. Hamilton, the following report, dated Louisville, Ky., Jan. 25, has been received:

The Elders laboring in Kentucky met in conference at Louisville, Jan. 25 and 27. The Elders began to arrive on the 24th inst. The evening of the 25th found them, fifty-seven in number, comfortably situated in the commodious apartments of the Victoria hotel.

At 10 a. m., the 26th, the Elders assembled in the parlor where counsel meeting was held. Elder Don C. Benson presiding. Elder Ben. E. Rich, being detained at all times by the Spirit of God, presided at the morning session.

In the afternoon testimony meeting was held where the Spirit of God was made manifest to a marked degree. Many of the Elders testified to the restoration of the Gospel.

Elder John G. Bolton was sustained as president of the Kentucky conference with Elders Walden and John Myler as counselors, with seventeen Elders laboring in the southwestern part of the State, with headquarters at Elton, person, McRackin county, Ky. The East Kentucky conference was combined with the North Kentucky conference with Elder Don C. Benson as president and Joseph H. Dye and J. W. Hamilton as counselors. Thirty-seven Elders are laboring in the north and eastern part of the State, with headquarters at 159 West Gray street, Louisville, Ky. Two public meetings were held in the Odd Fellows' hall, on at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., the 27th. Elder Elton addressed the audience on the necessity of revelation and obedience to the Gospel. The public services were very poorly attended, there being very few present except Elders and friends.

Monday, the 28th, a short business meeting was held.

The Elders are having some success in making converts and getting the Gospel before the people of the "Blue Grass" State, although they have some little opposition to contend with. The State has been all canvassed once, except a few counties.

The "News" is a great welcome visitor to the Elders, being a great instrument in the defense of truth.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Jordan Stake.

The quarterly conference of the Jordan Stake was held at Sandy, Salt Lake county, Utah, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2 and 3, Elder Orrin P. Miller and counselors presiding. There were present on the stand Elder Brigham D. Woodruff and Elder Rudger Clawson of the

Council of Apostles; the presidency of the Stake, high counselors, patriarchs, presidency of the High Priests' quorum, Bishops and other prominent brethren of the Stake.

The business of the general Priesthood meeting was attended to, after which Elder Miller gave a report of the Stake, saying that the presidency had visited each ward, and found a good condition generally existing. The High Councilors were especially commended for the manner in which they had magnified their calling.

The following Bishops reported their respective wards: Bishop John A. Egbert, of West Jordan; W. C. Bergen, of Union; Wm. D. Kuhre, of Sandy. Elder Rudger Clawson then spoke of the growth of the Church, in numbers, and in the work of the Lord, and explained the duties and privileges of a Bishop.

Elder Woodruff's theme was the brother and sisterhood existing between the Latter-day Saints. He exhorted the Saints to provide employment for those who stand in need, and especially to turn missionaries and new converts who come to Zion.

At 2 p. m.—Elder Brigham Young, who had arrived since the morning meeting, addressed the conference in a forcible manner on the subject of eradicating sin